

# Department for the Aging

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors, Area Agencies on Aging

Legal Service Developers VICAP Coordinators

**FROM:** E. Janet Riddick, Director – Center for Elder Rights

**DATE:** August 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** EXCITING NEWS for VICAP & Legal Service Developers!

Annual Statewide Legal Aid Conference: November 2 – 4, 2005

Plans have been approved to include one VICAP and one Legal Services Developer (LSD) from each of the AAAs to attend the 2005 Annual Statewide Legal Aid Conference. While the focus of our training will center on Medicare Part D, other training sessions will be offered such as Nursing Home Discharge Defenses, Advanced Medical Directives & Estate Planning, Time Management, Medicaid & Medicare Issues for Clients, Social Security Issues for Clients, Medicaid Asset Protection and Assisted Living Facilities. There will also be one separately scheduled session covering issues unique to VICAP and another separately scheduled session covering issues unique to LSDs (based on issues raised and training requested from the Legal Services Survey announced in the Tuesday Email dated April 13, 2005).

Similar to last year's training package, VDA will pay for training costs (hotel accommodations and meal package) for each registered participant, subject to a maximum of two participants from each AAA (i.e. one VICAP and one LSD participant from each AAA). If an AAA desires to register more than two participants, this is permissible. However, VDA will only pay the costs for a maximum of two participants from each AAA. If an AAA wants to send more than two people, that AAA must pay the additional costs involved.

This year's conference will be at the new Hilton Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through and including November 4, 2005. Final registration details are being worked out but we ask that you reserve these dates now for this valuable training opportunity. Thank you.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors

Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Janet Dingle Brown, Guardianship & Legal Services Development Coordinator

**DATE:** August 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Discontinuance of Attorney Referral List

## **Discontinuance of Attorney Referral List**

Effective immediately, VDA will discontinue using the Center for Elder Rights Attorney Directory and AAAs should discontinue its use as well.

Instead, callers should be referred to the <u>Virginia Lawyer Referral Service</u> (VLRS), a program administered by the Virginia State Bar (VSB). The toll free telephone number is 1 800 552-7977 and hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An information sheet on the VLRS program is attached. Basically, this program ensures that all attorneys on its list are currently licensed and in good standing with the VSB. Should an attorney cease to be in good standing, then the program will remove the attorney from the list of eligible attorneys.

Participating attorneys have agreed to provide legal consultation, for up to one half hour, for a flat fee of \$35. At the end of the consultation period, the caller and the lawyer will decide if further legal work is needed and the cost involved, etc. However, neither party is obligated to proceed further after the initial consultation.

Thank you.

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## Virginia Lawyer Referral Service

A Simple Way To Get Legal Advice For A Nominal Fee
Telephone Number: (804) 775-0808
Nationwide Toll Free Number: 800 552-7977

## **How Lawyer Referral Works**

If you think you have a problem which may require the services of a lawyer, call the Virginia Lawyer Referral Service. Your call will be answered by a referral specialist who will request your name and a brief description of your problem. Based on this information, you will be provided with the name and telephone number of a lawyer in your community who has indicated a particular interest in handling your type of problem. The lawyer will be licensed and a member in good standing with the Virginia State Bar. It will then be your responsibility to call the lawyer to schedule an appointment. If it appears that you do not need a lawyer, you will be directed to an agency that may be able to help. Any information that you provide will be strictly confidential.

# **Initial and Follow-Up Cost**

If you are referred to a lawyer, you will be entitled to consult with him or her for up to one half hour for a fee of \$35. You should be prepared to pay the lawyer at the time of your appointment. This initial consultation may answer your questions and enable you to solve your problem. If your problem requires additional time and work, you will be responsible for any additional legal fees. The lawyer you consult will be glad to discuss his or her fees and the cost of services beyond the initial half hour consultation. However, there is no obligation for either you or the lawyer to go beyond the one half hour consultation.

# **Hours of Operation**

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed on state holidays.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors

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**FROM:** Tim M. Catherman

Deputy Commissioner, Support Services

**DATE:** August 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Aging and AoA in the News

Below are Virginia Aging or AoA related articles that have occurred since last week's Tuesday E-mailing. These links do not require a paid service; however, some (like the Washington Post, etc.) ask a brief survey or registration. Please note some links are time sensitive and can change daily. Some articles may be editorial and/or political. Links are presented 'as is'.

If you are aware of additional articles, please e-mail me a link for inclusion next week.

#### VDA and Virginia AAAs In the News

#### The Five Wishes form is an effective way to deal with end-of-life ...

The Free Lance-Star - Fredericksburg, VA

... "In Virginia, an advance directive doesn't need to be specifically worded," said Jay W. deBoer, the commissioner of aging in Virginia. ...

## Anxious for someone to just listen and help

Richmond Times Dispatch - Richmond, VA

... area. Call the Virginia Department for the Aging for aging agencies in your area, (800) 552-3402. Same things I always say. This ...

#### Program that keeps seniors cool seeking help

The Virginian-Pilot

the supply of air-conditioning units at Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia has been exhausted. . .

#### Officials try to inform seniors of scams

Charlottesville Daily Progress - Charlottesville, VA

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... The Jefferson Area Board for Aging, which serves seniors all over Central Virginia, routinely makes presentations to various senior centers, makes public ...

#### Police charge driver, 95

The Free Lance-Star - Fredericksburg, VA

copies to the Virginia Department for ... Fredericksburg at 540/785-0282 or the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging at 540 ...

## County employment program helps low-income seniors sharpen job ...

Prince William News - Gainesville, VA

... Lane was fortunate not only to find the Agency on Aging, but also to have ... She took advantage of resume-writing workshops with the Virginia Employment Commission ...

#### Forbes tackles identity theft at workshop

Petersburg Progress Index - Petersburg, VA

... Rill, a Congressional specialist with the Federal Trade Commission, and Ben C. Garrett, an information specialist with the Virginia Department for the Aging. ...

#### Other

#### Old age in the technology age

San Francisco Chronicle - United States

... The Center for Aging Services Technologies will sponsor a pavilion showcasing elder-tech devices at the White House Conference on Aging in Washington in ...

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors

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**FROM:** Janet L. Honeycutt

**Director of Programs** 

**DATE:** August 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Training Calendar

Attached, please find the Training Calendar for the current year; July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING 2005 - 2006 TRAINING CALENDAR JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

TOPIC	LOCATION	AUDIENCE	CONTACT PERSON	DATE
SQL Database Programming Language Training	Richmond	AIM Administrators	Leonard Eshmont	July 28 & 29, 2005
Title V Workshop	TBA	Title V Coordinators	Pat Cummins	Fall 2005
AIM Workshop	Richmond	AIM Administrators	Leonard Eshmont	September 22, 2005
AIM Workshop	Roanoke	AIM Administrators	Leonard Eshmont	September 28, 2005
Medicare Part D	Richmond/NOVA	VICAP/AAA Staff	E. Janet Riddick	October 2005
VICAP Legal Updates and Medicare Part D	Virginia Beach	VICAP & Legal Services Developers	Janet Dingle Brown	November 2 – 4, 2005
Caregiver Training	Richmond	AAA Staff and Caregiver Coalition	Ellen Nau	November 2005
Title V Workshop	TBA	Title V Coordinators	Pat Cummins	Spring 2006
I&R/Care Coordination Training	Richmond	Care Coordinators	Ellen Nau/Faye Cates	April 19, 2006
Area Plan Training	Roanoke	AAA Staff	Janet Honeycutt/Jane Snead	April 2006
Area Plan Training	Richmond	AAA Staff	Janet Honeycutt/Jane Snead	April 2006
Fan Care/Cooling Assistance Training	Richmond	Program Coordinators	Janet Honeycutt	May 2006
Fan Care/Cooling Assistance Training	Cedar Bluff	Program Coordinators	Janet Honeycutt	May 2006
Fan Care/Cooling Assistance Training	Norfolk	Program Coordinators	Janet Honeycutt	May 2006
Fan Care/Cooling Assistance Training	Fairfax	Program Coordinators	Janet Honeycutt	May 2006
Fan Care/Cooling Assistance Training	Charlottesville	Program Coordinators	Janet Honeycutt	May 2006
Financial Training	Richmond	AAA Financial Directors	Warren McKeon	June 6, 2006
Financial Training	Roanoke	AAA Financial	Warren	June 8,

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		Directors	McKeon	2006
Public Guardian Program Annual Statewide Training	Big Stone Gap	Public Guardians & Conservators	Janet Dingle Brown	June 7 – 9, 2006